



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES -
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



**MICHIGAN HUNTER CASUALTY
SUMMARY**

2005

Updated – 4/20/2006 –

NO.	DATE	TIME	Casualty Type	COUNTY/ LOCATION	Animal Hunted	Equipment	AGE/SEX Shooter	AGE/SEX Victim	Shooter Violation	Victim Violation	Causal Factor
1	3/5/5	N/A	NF	Sanilac	Pheasant	Shotgun	14	45	Y	N	Shooter swinging on game
While flushing victim was shot in the trunk.											
2	3/15/5	17:13PM	NF	Ionia	Cottontail	Shotgun	16	16	Y	N	Careless handling of firearm
The victim was shot on the right side or back of the chest.											
3	4/16/5	2:45PM	NF	Lapeer	Pheasant	Shotgun	26	20,21,34	Y	N	Careless handling of firearm
While hunting on a Pheasant Farm- guided hunt, shooter fired a shot which sprayed bb's onto a neighbor's property striking three persons.											
4	4/18/5	12:30PM	NF	Presque Isle	Turkey SPRING	Shotgun	57	15	N	N	Victim out of site of shooter
Victim was sitting out of sight, shooter called in a turkey and shot as it crossed between the two, striking victim in upper leg and stomach.											
5	5/8/5	8:40AM	NF	Cass	Turkey SPRING	Shotgun	49	17	Y	N	Careless handling of firearm
Shooter mistook victim for a turkey. Victim hit in head, back and rib area. Alcohol involved.											
6	6/26/5	12:30PM	F	Hillsdale	Other small game	Rifle	53		N		Other
The shooter was found slumping forward with his right hand touching the ground and his left hand around the forearm grip of the rifle. Cause unknown.											
7	10/6/5	10:15AM	NF	Muskegon	Turkey FALL	Shotgun	77		N		Careless handling of firearm

Shooter placed shotgun under his left arm the muzzle pointing skyward he bent down to pick up his decoys, the shotgun fell to the ground and discharged with the blast hitting him in the face.

8	10/17/5	9:30AM	NF	Bay	Duck/Geese	Shotgun	22		N		Trigger caught on object
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Shooter was resting shotgun barrel on foot to keep it out of the water and thought the safety was on. While standing up to shoot discharged firearm into foot.

9	10/30/5	16:23PM	NF	Emmet	Squirrel	Shotgun	12	9	Y	N	Careless handling of firearm
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Shooter was startled when adult member of hunting party shot at a squirrel. Shooter had finger on the trigger and accidentally pulled the trigger hitting victim in both legs.

10	11/15/5	9:00AM	F	Gratiot	Deer	Rifle	28	53	N	Y	Victim out of sight of shooter
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Victim had on camo jacket with a hood and a baseball cap with orange on the dome and a camo bill. Shooter saw a doe and checked for any hunters orange behind the animal before he shot. Shooter could not find victim afterward so he called 911 on a lost hunter. victim was found at 1915 hours. victim ha pulled camo hood up over baseball cap.

11	11/15/5	17:07PM	NF	Mason	Deer	Rifle	42		N		Shooter stumbled and fell
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Shooter attempting to make firearm safe by engaging the hammer safety. Rainey and wet conditions made hands slippery and firearm was discharged shooting self in foot.

12	11/16/5	9:23AM	NF	Newaygo	Deer	Rifle	42	38	N	N	Victim out of sight of shooter
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Shooter shot at a buck four times. One round traveled through the woods for approx. 250 yards. Round penetrated a pop up ground blind, and entered the victim on the left side about 3 inches above the beltline.

13	11/16/5	11:16AM	NF	Monroe	Deer	Rifle	21		N		Careless handling of firearm
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Shooter was sitting on the ground in a wooded area. Shooter fell asleep and was awoken by a gun shot and realized that he shot himself in the foot.

14	11/17/5	9:30AM	NF	VanBuren	Deer	Shotgun	44		N		Dropped firearm
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Shooter was descending a tree stand and lowering the firearm with a string. Firearm dropped and discharged shooting himself in the right foot.

15	11/17/5	5:17AM	F	Isabella	Deer	Rifle	57		N		Shooter stumbled and fell
Victim stumbled and fell and trigger may have gotten caught on an object. firearm discharged as shooter pulled the firearm towards self shooting self in chest.											
16	11/19/5	7:05AM	NF	Cass	Deer	Rifle	36	44	N	N	Victim out of sight of shooter
Shooter was unaware victim positioned self in ground blind approx. 60 yards away from shooter's tree stand. Shooter shot twice at deer that was between shooter and victim, shooting victim.											
17	11/20/5	12::24PM	NF	Gratiot	Deer	Rifle	44	11	Y	N	Other
Victim was a passenger in a vehicle and shooter was approx. 500 yards from the road.											
18	11/21/5	16:30PM	NF	Ionia	Deer	Rifle		24	N	N	Other
Victim shot in the arm. Unkown shooter.											
19	11/25/5	9:00AMP M	NF	Otsego	Deer	Shotgun	20		N		Trigger caught on object
Shooter climbed up tree stand and pulled firearm up with a rope tied to a trigger guard. Firearm was loaded and the safety was off. Firearm discharged shooting self in lower leg.											
20	11/26/5	16::23AM	NF	Midland	Deer	Shotgun		20	N	N	Victim out of sight of shooter
The victim was shot in the chest by one of 8 in a hunting party.											
21	12/23/5	23:00PM	NF	Isabella	Raccoon /Opossum	Rifle	20		N		Using firearm as a club
Shooter attempted to club a shot raccoon with firearm and shot self in lower left leg.											
22	12/28/5	12:00PM	NF	Calhoun	Squirrel	Rifle	17		N		Unloading firearm
Shooter shot self in the top of the left foot while hunting squirrel.											